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## **II. Copies of Listed References**

☒ A. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are being supplied. Copies of U.S. patents are not included pursuant to Pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003.

☐ B. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 have already been supplied during the prosecution of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, from which the present application claims priority pursuant to 35 USC § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are not now being supplied.

☐ C. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited in the international search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are not now being supplied.

## **III. Concise Statement of Relevance**

☐ A. All references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are in the English language, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required.

☒ B. All references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are referred to in the specification and/or were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search

report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.

The Examiner will note that English language counterparts or Abstracts of non-English language references are also enclosed, as follows:

WO99/61541	-	Corresponds to US 6,444,309 B1.
DE 100 02 180 A1	-	Abstract provided.
DE 19 10 730A1	-	Abstract provided.
DE 200 22 272 U1	-	No English abstract available.
DE 203 06 801 U1	-	No English abstract available.
EP 1 123 958 A2	-	No English abstract available.
JP 05-017727	-	Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 05-250947	-	Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 07-150126	-	Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 09-208906	-	Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 10-001583	-	Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 10-149725	-	Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 2000-198895	-	Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 2000-200515	-	Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 2001-049208	-	Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.

☐ C. All references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited in the search report issued by the \_\_\_\_\_ Patent Office, and an English-language version of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, is attached.

☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.

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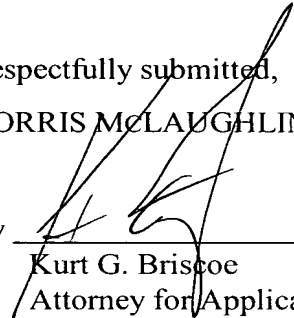
☐ A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

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☐ B. In addition of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the information provided on the attached sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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	A	US - 6,200,677	Mar. 13, 2001	Richardson et al	
	B	US - 4,067,847	Jan. 10, 1978	Yui et al	
	C	US - 4,992,331	Feb. 12, 1991	DeCoste, Jr.	
	D	US - 5,498,476	Mar. 12, 1996	Tucker et al	

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	E	WO 09/61541 Corresponds to US 6,444,309	Dec. 2, 1999	Sliontec Corporation		✓
	F	DE 100.02 180 A1	Jul. 26, 2001	Mitsubishi Polyester Film		✓
	G	DE 199 10 730 A1	Oct. 14, 1999	Certoplast Vorwerk & Sohn GmbH		
	H	DE 200 22 272 U1	Sept. 20, 2001	Beiersdorf AG		✓
	I	DE 203 06 801 U1	Jul. 17, 2003	Certoplast Vorwerk & Sohn GmbH		✓
	J	EP 0 953 599 A1	Nov. 3, 1999	Kyowa Chemical Industry Co.		✓
	K	EP 1 097 976 A2	May 9, 2001	Nitto Denko Corporation		✓
	L	EP 1 123 958 A2	Aug. 16, 2001	Certoplast Vorwerk & Shon GmbH		
	M	JP 05-017727	Jan. 26, 1993	Toppan Printing Co. Ltd.		✓
	N	JP 05-250947	Sept. 28, 1993	Yazaki Corp.		
	O	JP 07-150126	Jun. 13, 1995	Nitto Denko Corp.		✓
	P	JP 09-208906	Aug. 12, 1997	Sekisui Chem. Co. Ltd.		✓
	Q	JP 10-001583	Jan. 6, 1998	Tatsuta Electric Wire & Cable		
	R	JP 10-149725	Jun. 2, 1998	Sekisui Chem. Co. Ltd.		✓
	S	JP 2000-198895	Jul. 18, 2000	Toyo Chem. Co. Ltd.		
	T	JP 2000-200515	Jul. 18, 2000	Toyo Chem. Co. Ltd.		
	U	JP 2001-049208	Feb. 20, 2001	Yazaki Corp.		
	V	WO 00/71634 A1	Nov. 30, 2000	Tyco International Inc.		✓

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	W	WO 03/070848 A1	Aug. 28, 2003	Yazaki Corporation		✓
	X	WO 97/05206 A1	Feb. 13, 1997	Scapa Group PLC		✓
	Y	WO 99/35202 A1	Jul. 15, 1999	Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.		✓

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